

Leadership and Ethics, Certificate

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Every industry needs leaders who serve with an emphasis on the public good. In only five courses, you'll explore the relationship between leadership and the capacity to assume responsibility for one's actions. You'll understand how to act with a sense of integrity while building confidence in your leadership skills.

Description

The certificate program in leadership and ethics focuses on understanding the broad transdisciplinary field of leadership and its application to various elements of society and community. It prepares individuals for positions of leadership and responsibility in the university, in student organizations, in their communities, and throughout their careers in business and government.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in leadership and ethics requires three core courses (nine credit hours), plus two elective discipline-based courses in leadership or ethics (six credit hours). Elective coursework may be selected from an approved list of elective courses or upon the recommendation of the department.

All courses applied to the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Core Courses -- 9 credit hours

PAF 311: Leadership and Change (SOBE OR SB) (3)

PAF 410: Building Leadership Skills (SOBE OR SB) (3)

PAF 460: Public Service Ethics (3)

All core courses and the leadership capstone must be taken at Arizona State University. Any course substitutions for the certificate are at the discretion of the School of Public Affairs.

Electives (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

COM 430: Leadership in Group Communication (3)

HON 497: Honors Colloquium (3)

MGT 300: Principles of Management and Leadership (3)

NLM 430: Managing Nonprofit Organizations (L) (3)

PAF 420: Managing Across Boundaries (3)

POS 314: The American Presidency (AMIT OR SB) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply core competencies of leadership as they relate to the identification, assessment, and resolution of problems of public relevance in organizations.
- Apply knowledge of leadership and ethics in real-world circumstances, whether at work or in civic engagement.

Career opportunities

Students who receive this certificate are prepared to pursue a career in a field related to public administration or public policy, particularly in the areas of participatory governance and public engagement. This may include opportunities as a manager or policy analyst in local, state or federal agencies, in nonprofit organizations, and in private organizations whose work interfaces with the public sector.

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